



# A PROCLAMATION,

Anent Tenents and others who Shall be removed, For not taking, The BAND to live orderly,



**CHARLES**, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith; To Our Lovites,

Macers or Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, Conjunctly and severally, specially Constitute, Greeting; Forasmuch, as The Lords of The Committy of our privy Council met in the west, By Comission from our privy Council, having taken to their Consideration that divers Heretors, Lyfrentars and Land-Lords within the Shyres of *Air*, *Lanerk*, *Renfrew*, *Stirling*, *Roxburgh*, *Dumfries*, *Wigtoun*, *Stewartrie of Kirkcudburgh*, And Jurisdicktions, within the same; Have given band for themselves their wyves Bairnes and Servants, that they shall not be present at any Conventicles, and disorderly meetings; But shall live orderlie in obedience to the Law, under the pains and penalties contained in the acts of Parliament made ther-anent; And that there haill Tenents and Cottars *respective*, shall Likewyes abstaine, and refraine from the saids Conventicles, and other illegall meetings: not authorized by the Law: And further that they shall not refet nor Common with Forfaulted persons, Intercommoned *Ministers*, or vagrant Preachers; But shall doe there utemoſt Indeavor to apprehend there perſones; And Incaſe any of there Tennents, Cottars, and there forſaids, shall contravene; they have obliged themselves to take and apprehend any Person or perſones guilty thereof and present them to the Judge ordinar, that they may be ſyned, and Imprisoned as is provided in the acts of Parliament made there anent: Vtherwayes that they shall remove them and there Families off there ground, And if they faillie thereintill, they have obliged themselves to be lyable to such paines and penalties as the saids delinquents have incurred by the Law; And the saids Lords Haveing prefixed particular Dyetts for such Heretors, Lyfrentors, And others as have not alreadie given Band: To give the Same at the saids Dyetts with Certification contained in the acts made there-anent. And whereas some Heretors, Lyfrentars and Landlords who have given, or shal give the said Band; May be neceſſitate to remove some of there Tennents, or Cottars that may happen to be so willfull as to refuse to grant them bands of releiff, or that Some of their Tennents or Cottars may leave there Lands, And goe to the Lands of other Heretors upon expectation to be received as Tennents, or Cottars to them, or harbour-ed, sheltered, or refett in some part of their ground, to the prejudice of there former Masters of purpose to eshew the giving of the said Band, and to disappoynt the execution of our Lawes made in that behalf. We therefore with advyce of the saids Lords of the Committy of our privy Councill Doe hereby prohibit and discharge all Heretors, Fewars, Lyfrentars and others to refett, Supplie; or harbour any of these Tennents, or Cottars that shall happen to remove, or be removed for not giving the said Band of relcife from the ground and Lands of any Heretors who have given, or shall give the said Band; or to set them any Lands in Tak, or other wayes to permitt them to possels any part thereof, upon any colour, or pretext whatſomever, under the penaltie of Six Hundreth pounds Scots for each Tennent, And three Hundreth pound money forſaid for each Cottar, to be payed by the Heretors, or others forſaids who shall happen to Contraven the tenor hereof, The one half thereof to us, or to the Lords Comiſſioners of our Theſaury for our use, And the other half to the informer. **OUR WILL IS** And we charge you Straitlie and Command, That incontinent these our Letters ſein, yepaſs to the Mercat Croſs of the Head-burghs of the Shires of *Air*, *Lanerk*, *Renfrew*, *Stirling*, *Roxburgh*, *Dumfries*, *Wigtoun*, *Stewartrie of Kirkcudburgh*, And other places needfull, and thereat in our Name and Authority by open Proclamation, make Publication of the Premiffes, that none pretend ignorance. The which to do we Commit to you Conjunctly and severallie our full power, by these Our Letters delivering them by you duely execute and indorſed again to the Bearer. Given under our Signet at our Burgh of *Air* the Eleventh day of February 1678. and of our Reigne, the threttie Year.

*Per Actum Dominorum Comiſſionis*

*Hugh Stevensone, Cl. Com:*

**God save the King,**